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Holding posters from the All In Rally earlier in the day are, from left, City Clerk Cindy Murray, Councilmembers Ed Putens, Konrad Herling, Leta Mach, Mayor Emmett Jordan, Councilmembers Judith Davis and Silke Pope, City Solicitor Robert Manzi, City Manager Michael McLaughlin and Assistant City Manager David Moran.

## Council Has “All In” Poster Op; Public Hearing for TIF District

by Thomas X. White

The Greenbelt City Council meeting on March 24 took a festive note early on and then settled down to take care of its regular business. All members of council, along with County Councilmember Ingrid Turner, School

Board Member Peggy Higgins and members of the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) were present for the annual reception and awards ceremony honoring educators from Greenbelt schools.

The ACE awards were then followed by an impromptu photo opportunity displaying “We’re All In” campaign posters promoting the choice of Greenbelt for

See **COUNCIL**, page 6

## Opening Budget Worksession Offers Few Changes from 2014

by Thomas X. White

The Greenbelt City Council held its first worksession on the city manager’s proposed Fiscal Year 2015 Budget on Wednesday, March 26. All councilmembers were present. City Manager Michael McLaughlin and Assistant City Manager David Moran, were joined by Jeff Williams, city treasurer and Dale Worley, information technology director.

McLaughlin started discussion by highlighting the General Fund Summary of the budget document, which displays summaries of city revenues, departmental expenditures and annual fund balances for the past three fiscal years. It also showed the respective revenues, expenditures and target fund balance for FY15.

McLaughlin noted in his presentation that for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, revenues are lower, expected tax abatements also trend lower and Fiscal Year 2014 expenditures are expected to come in about \$350,000 higher.

### Fund Balances

Labeled as undesignated and unreserved fund balances, McLaughlin considers these funds a measure of Greenbelt’s fiscal health. Generally the target for

these funds is 10 percent or more compared to actual or expected city expenditures for a given fiscal year. The fund balance acts as a sort of self-insurance by the city against serious losses of revenue.

For the past three years the percentage has been: 11.5 percent in Fiscal Year 2012, 13.5 percent in Fiscal Year 2013 and an anticipated 10.3 percent for the current FY14 (11.5 percent had been the expected target). For the proposed FY15 McLaughlin projects a 10.3 percent level for the fund balance, while hoping for an 11.5 percent target for the adopted budget for FY15.

The actual total Fund Balance for past years were \$3,058,778 in FY12, \$3,812,999 in FY13, while only \$2,886,099 is expected for FY14. The proposed FY15 budget also projects \$2,886,099 for the total Fund Balance.

While council agrees with the fund balance concept, there are usually differences among councilmembers for either the levels deemed sufficient or for the potential uses of undesignated funds from time to time for certain needed projects, as, for example, the Greenbelt theater

renovation project.

### Revenues

As noted, city revenues have been flat for the past several years mainly due to the national economic downturn. The proposed FY15 budget projects \$25,195,000 for total revenues, down \$577,700 from the current year’s adopted budget or \$917,100 more than expected revenues for FY14.

Most of the proposed revenue increase is due to increased income taxes and revenue from other agencies. Other sources of revenue for Greenbelt are flat or decreasing. While revenue from city apartment developments is increasing because of a nearly 90 percent occupancy rate, home owner real estate property taxes are down. McLaughlin has his fingers crossed that expected tax abatements will be much less than those experienced last year.

Licenses and permits are expected to increase slightly from the prospect of growth at the South Core near the Metro Station. Service charges are expected to increase by about \$25,000, due to proposed increases in

See **BUDGET**, page 6

## Children, Teachers Discover Tree Loss behind Magnolia

by Bob Snyder

It began around March 18. Earth moving and tree/vegetation removal equipment began the clear cutting of eight acres of wooded land to make way for the construction of a 135-bed nursing and rehabilitation facility on the northeast side of Doctors Hospital adjacent to Magnolia Elementary School.

One can access this construction site on Mallery Drive just east of the entrance to the hospital on Good Luck Road. This facility will have a 73,500 sq. ft. footprint when completed in the spring of 2015 and will comprise state of the art rehabilitation and care equipment and furnishings.

The two-acre facility will be a one-story structure with several open air landscaped courtyards with ample parking. This type of sprawling design seems to be quite popular these days rather than multiple floors which use and disturb less earth.

A neighbor who lives in a single family home nearby stopped by the site to ask what was happening while I was also inquiring at the site about the project after school. This homeowner said she had not seen any notices or signs posted in her neighborhood, or heard in anyway what this project was about.

She said she attended Magnolia when she was in grade school. Her children went there too. They are now in middle and high school. She surmised that people didn’t have time to oppose the facility being built up the hill on the forested land, rather than on existing paved parking areas. We speculated that perhaps hospitals and care facilities are exempt from the requirement of notifying the public of proposed new building projects.

One of the project employees told us that they will be removing about six acres of woods on the eight-acre project area, but they were leaving a one-acre strip of woods as a buffer in the back of the property (north end). Unfortunately, most of the woods that served as a beautiful backdrop behind Magnolia for decades will be coming down and will be gone by mid-April weather permitting. Snow flakes began falling again.

From inside a second grade classroom while teaching an art class one morning I noticed students pointing out the window. We noticed a large, orange, closed-cab bulldozer knocking down trees and all vegetation as

See **MAGNOLIA**, page 12



The view from the teeter-totter of Magnolia Elementary’s playground – as a large orange backhoe tears down trees and undergrowth while birds and animals take flight.

### What Goes On

**Saturday, April 5**

**9 a.m. to noon**, SHL Stream Cleaning (GreenACES)

**Sunday, April 6**

**1 to 5 p.m.**, Artful Afternoon, Community Center

**Monday, April 7**

**8 p.m.**, City Council Meeting, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at [www.greenbeltnmdgov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltnmdgov/municipaltv)

**Wednesday, April 9**

**7:30 p.m.**, Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Greenbelt Community Center, Room 114

**Wednesday, April 9**

**8 p.m.**, Budget Worksession, Planning at Community Center



# Letters to the Editor

## A Salute to the Women of the Greenbelt News Review

As we turn the page on another issue of the Greenbelt News Review this April 2014, following the national celebration of Women’s History Month, I feel compelled to write a letter of appreciation to the women staffers of the Greenbelt News Review. I believe that these women’s volunteer service to this independent newspaper uniquely parallels the Women’s National History Project ([www.wnhp.org](http://www.wnhp.org)) theme: Women of Character, Courage & Commitment.

An examination of the News Review masthead for this historic newspaper is evidence of the significant contributions women make to the newspaper. I believe that their service reflects the 1980 Women’s History Month message to the nation by former President Jimmy Carter when he said, “Too often the women were unsung and sometimes their contributions went unnoticed. But the achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of the women who built America was as vital as that of those men whose names we know so well.”

The News Review women have significantly contributed to the history of journalism in America. Together with the men of the News Review and the Freedom of the Press Committee, the News Review prevailed over a lower court decision in the 1970 landmark U.S. Supreme Court libel case against the newspaper. That history was again documented with a woman’s byline in the News Review, March 2014.

The 2014 Women’s History Month Proclamation words, “As we honor the many women who have shaped our history, let us also celebrate those who make progress in our time,” written by President Barack Obama, seem fitting for this recognition of the women of the Greenbelt News Review. He proclaimed, “Let us remember that when women succeed, America succeeds.”

It was also great to read the Women’s History Month observance and articles by men and women about Greenbelt women of significant accomplishments whose stories are not well known

here in a series coordinated by David Lange.

Greenbelt News Review women and men, working together, have contributed to this paper being published without interruption since 1937 even as a lawsuit threatened to silence it. In this 21st century of diminishing print newspapers, the News Review women’s (and men’s) commitment to producing a credible weekly newspaper remains strong. These women writers demonstrate character, courage and commitment to consistently meet weekly deadlines. They have mentored generations of women writers.

The Greenbelt News Review women staffers deserve our collective thanks and appreciation for a job well done. In addition to their work for the newspaper these women represent diverse occupations and accomplishments.

The newspaper has survived through depression and recession, in times of myriad economic crises and economic booms in technology and into the emerging digital divide. To meet the challenges of the times, women of the News Review have generated feature articles and advertising that can be viewed weekly in print and online via the Internet ([www.greenbeltnewsreview.com](http://www.greenbeltnewsreview.com)).

Each Thursday, since 1988, I have looked forward to receiving the Greenbelt News Review at my door. The women’s bylines cap feature stories from A-Z about the administration of the city, Artful Afternoons, Beltway Plaza, blood drives, council, community events, Greenbelt Community Foundation, Co-op, New Deal Café, environment, families, friends, Old Greenbelt Theatre, Greenway Center, Greenbelt Library, neighbors, Greenbelt Museum, obituaries, parks and recreation, police, Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club, Greenbelt Republican, Greenbelt Elementary School, Greenbelt Station development, Greenbelt Middle and the Blue Ribbon School of Excellence – Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Franklin Park, veterans, voting and weather, keep me informed.

The Greenbelt News Review women ensure timely coverage of community news and events through detailed writing, reporting, editing, proofing, headlines, captions, photographs, lay-out, advertising and community-wide distribution that is only possible through professional collaborative efforts.

I hope that everyone reading this Women’s History Month Appreciation to the Women of the Greenbelt News Review staff will keep the goal of Women’s History Month recognition of women alive.

You can show your appreciation to the women of the News Review in myriad ways: please extend a special thank you with a letter, sign-up to volunteer and or make a donation to the Greenbelt News Review in honor of Women’s History Month.

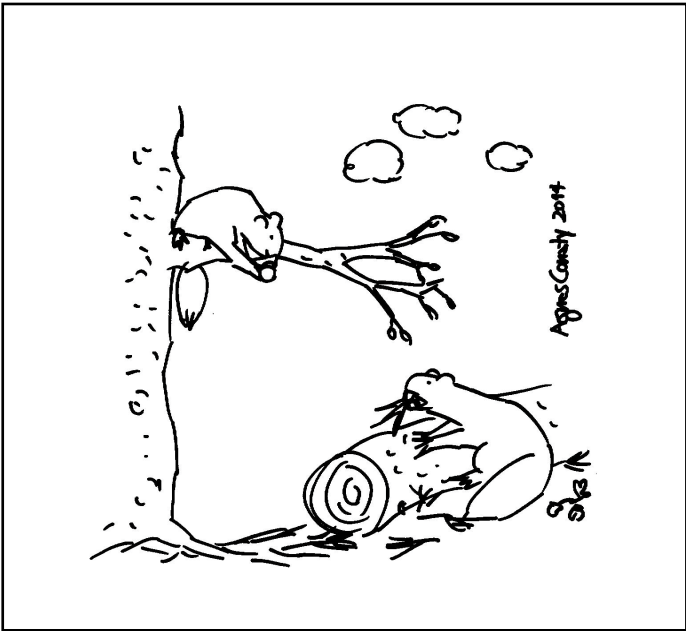
I am certain that your thank you to the women of the Greenbelt News Review in words, deeds and monetary contributions will surely be appreciated and help to offset the Greenbelt News Review publishing expenses for this fine independent newspaper we Greenbelters enjoy weekly and still for free.

Jacqueline Miller Byrd

Send us a letter to share with your neighbors about your observations, concerns, gripes and accolades regarding local issues.

Letters must contain your name, address and phone number.

## Grin Belt



"It was just an April Fool's joke when I said you had to eat Skunk Cabbage when your team didn't make it to the Final Four!"

## Whooping Crane Observatory Tour

On Sunday, April 6 from 1 to 3 p.m. a guided tour to the Whooping Crane Observatory at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center will focus on a pair of endangered adult whooping cranes for those age 14 and over. Find out more about the bird’s population recovery program. Be prompt as the tour will leave on time.

Public programs at the Patuxent Research Refuge are free although advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887.

For more information visit the website at [www.patuxent.fws.gov](http://www.patuxent.fws.gov). The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197.

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.  
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

## Utopia Film Festival Presents

Sun., April 6th & Wed., April 9th

8:00 PM “Stryker’s America”,  
“Being Lincoln”  
& “Hot Afternoons Have Been In Montana”

on Greenbelt Access Television, Inc.  
Channels Comcast 77 & Verizon Fios 19



### Babe Ruth Baseball Signups

Players age13-15 call Mark @ 301 755-3315  
Email: [mark.markowich@t-mobile.com](mailto:mark.markowich@t-mobile.com)

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## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

### WEEK OF APRIL 4

Grand Budapest Hotel (R)

### FRIDAY

\*5:15, 7:30, 9:35

### SATURDAY

Classic Film Series  
at Noon  
James Stewart in  
“Shenandoah”  
Free Admission!

GRAND BUDAPEST HOTEL  
\*3, \*5:15, 7:30, 9:35

### SUNDAY

\*3, \*5:15, 7:30

### MONDAY - THURSDAY

\*5:15, 7:30

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# Community Events

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for April 7 through 11 are as follows:

Monday – Orange juice, cacciatore chicken thigh, penne pasta, spinach, diced pears.

Tuesday – Grape juice, cream of broccoli soup, French dip sandwich, mixed green salad, fresh fruit.

Wednesday – Cranberry juice, sliced corned beef, turkey pastрами and Swiss, coleslaw, lettuce and tomato, sub roll, fresh fruit.

Thursday – Apple juice, chicken chili, brown rice, mixed vegetables, cornbread, pineapple tidbits.

Friday – Pineapple juice, eggplant parmesan, au gratin rotini, broccoli, Italian bread, cinnamon apple sauce.

## At the Library

On Thursdays, a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props. The usual 20-person room limit applies. Pick up a free ticket from the information desk before the session.

Thursday, April 10, 10:30 a.m. Drop-in Storytime for ages 2 to 5 years mixes stories with fun activities, including songs, rhymes and fingerplays. Babies are also welcome.

For more information call 301-345-5800, visit the library or pgcmis.info to review accounts, renew materials or for other library services. For automated phone renewal call 301-333-3111.

## GHI Notes

Saturday, April 5, 11 a.m. Pre Purchase Orientation – Board Room

Sunday, April 6, 2 p.m. Nominations and Elections Ice Cream Social – Board Room

## Volunteers Sought For Park Cleanup

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, April 5 from 9 a.m. to noon to help in the annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup. Greenbelt Park is looking for volunteers to remove trash and debris. There will be hundreds of cleanup sites (both shoreline and land-based) throughout the Washington, D.C., Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania and West Virginia areas. Students can earn service hours. To volunteer, call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3948. More information is available at the Greenbelt Park website [www.nps.gov/gree](http://www.nps.gov/gree).

The Greenbelt Park entrance is between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road.

## Co-op Demos, Wine Tastings for April

On Friday, April 4 there will be a wine tasting at the Co-op grocery store from 4 to 7 p.m. Additional wine tastings will be held on Friday, April 11 and Wednesday, April 30. Wines offered for tasting are sold at a \$1 savings.



This month’s Healthy Happy Hour will be on Wednesday, April 9 from 5 to 7 p.m. and will feature a seasonal, detoxifying pesto to dress up vegetables and a new chia seed product with omega-3 fatty acids.

On Thursday, April 24 the quarterly Healthy Horizons program will be held at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center. The topic is “Liver Love: Detox for Health & Healing.” To participate, send an email to [info@greenbelt.coop](mailto:info@greenbelt.coop).

On April 30 from 5 to 7 p.m. the monthly Seasonal & Savory Food Demo will offer a strawberry spinach salad and pan-braised potatoes, artichoke hearts and onions.

For more information about the Co-op, subscribe to its monthly events e-newsletter at [www.greenbelt.coop](http://www.greenbelt.coop).

## NARFE Meets At Greenbriar

The monthly meeting of the Northern Prince George’s County Chapter 1122 of National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) will be held at the Greenbriar Community Building, Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway on Wednesday, April 9 at 1:30 p.m.

The speaker will be Irving Shapiro, service officer, NARFE Chapter 1127, who will speak on the assassination of President Lincoln. Nancy Shapiro will also speak on the Road Scholar (formerly Elderhostel) Programs. Refreshments will be served. All federal employees, active or retired, are welcome.

## Eli Conley to Play At New Deal Café

Eli Conley, an Indie folk singersongwriter will play at the New Deal Café on Saturday, April 12, opening for Baltimore grunge folk band ilyAIMY. Conley’s debut album “At The Seams” was released last fall. The show is free and suitable for all ages.

A Bay Area-based singer-songwriter, Conley’s musical style ranges across the acoustic music map, drawing from folk, country, soul and jazz. His first album, in 2010, was the self-released EP “All the Livelong Day” with his trio Eli Conley & Hip for Squares. He has since shared the stage with Grammy-winner Kimya Dawson and opened for the Reverend Peyton Big Damn Band at San Francisco’s Café du Nord. He contributed his song “Pinocchio” to the Project Believe In Me anti-bullying CD distributed nationally.

This free show is for all ages. The New Deal Café is located at 113 Centerway in Roosevelt Center. For more information visit [newdealcafe.com](http://newdealcafe.com).

More  
Community Events  
are located  
throughout the paper.



PHOTO BY HELEN SYDAVAR

These early blooming daffodils are springing up all over town to tell us that Spring is really here.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club is ready for spring and has lots of activities planned. Old Punxsutawney Phil predicted six more weeks of winter and he was right. But springtime is just around the corner!

The Anniversary Lunch is on April 16. Register and join us – we always have good food and fun entertainment. April 9 is the Chinese Auction and we need donations!


Our condolences to family and friends of Betty Deitch. She will be missed as she was a long-time member and went on many of our trips.

We welcomed two new members and would be pleased to have many more come join in on Wednesdays at the Greenbelt Community Center. Guests are always welcome.

Take time to play – it is the secret of youth. Take time to be friendly – it is the road to happiness. Take time to laugh – it is the music of the soul.

NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA



**GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
**Thursday, April 10, 2014**


GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

**GHI Key Agenda Items:**

- 2014 Community Beautification Program
- Review GHI's Phone Emergency Response System
- Review Final Changes to GHI's Bylaws Recommended by the Bylaws Committee
- Communications Committee Recommendation Re: Terminology for Members in GHI Communications
- Establish a Task Force to Review Issue of Unauthorized Rentals
- Establish a Task Force to Investigate Whether GHI Could Provide Charging Stations for Members' Vehicles
- Review GHI's Investment Policy
- Recommendation to Establish a Homes Improvement Program Planning Committee
- Review Agreement for Phase 3 Pilot Program Re: GHI and Member Responsibilities
- Contract for Installation of Heating/Cooling Systems for Phase 3, Pilot Program, 1st Reading
- Contract for Replacement of Air Conditioning Units for Larger Townhomes, 2nd Reading

Regular Board meetings are open to Members

For more information, visit our website - [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop)



To request a sign language interpreter for this meeting, go to <http://www.ghi.coop/content/interpreter-request-form>, or go to the GHI Office (One Hamilton Place) or contact us by phone (301-474-4161) or fax (301-474-4006).

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Celtic Concert – April 26 – Homespun Ceilidh Band

NOON

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**WEEK OF APRIL 4**

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Noah, PG-13 (!)  
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Mr. Peabody and Sherman, PG  
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Draft Day, PG-13 (Preshow)  
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A Review

# ERHS Drama Students Perform Contemporary Version of Crucible

by Chiamaka Ogwuegbu

The Drama Department of Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) performed Arthur Miller’s The Crucible from March 26 through 28 in the school’s Gerald R. Boarman Auditorium.

The Crucible tells the tale of how the town of Salem, Massachusetts, is torn apart by accusations of witchcraft among the town’s residents and the trail of lies that results as the residents attempt to clear their own names.

The play was directed by Christopher Mannino, who is in his first year as the head of the ERHS Drama department. Mannino drew inspiration to have The Crucible as a school production from an experience he had at his previous position at a middle school after the Sandy Hook shooting.

“In my school there was an overwhelming number of teachers who wanted to arm all teachers in the building. It felt like a mob mentality,” said Mannino. “It was that same sort of mob mentality you had in McCarthyism, you had in the Salem witch trials, you have in other issues as well. So The Crucible is still definitely a relevant play for today.”

The production deftly blended the original 1950s theme of the play with a more modern set and transitions between scenes that featured hip-hop music. These elements highlighted the contemporary nature of the issues presented within the play.

John Proctor, one of the play’s main characters, finds himself accused of witchcraft and eventually is sent to the gallows after he attempts to defend his wife, who is also accused of witchcraft.

Proctor was portrayed by ERHS senior James Fahey, who especially enjoyed his time working with the cast and crew. “They are a good cast,” Fahey said. “They’ll sit down with you, they’ll listen to you, they’ll work with you on what you have to work on. They’re good on the professional side of things and the social side of things.”

Noel Monardes came to the show to see his son, Montana Monardes, who played Reverend John Hale, but found himself enraptured by the play’s story.

“It’s interesting,” Monardes commented. “I’m familiar with McCarthyism and was reading about it here. It’s an interesting way of portraying that period in time.”

*Chiamaka Ogwuegbu is a journalism student at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.*

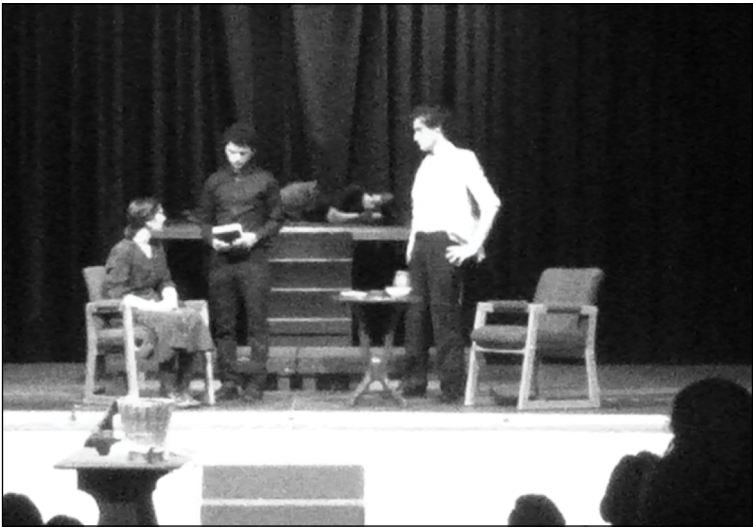


PHOTO BY CHIAMAKA OGWUEGBU

**John Proctor (James Fahey, far right) and Reverend John Hale (Montana Monardes, center), speak to Elizabeth Proctor (Kaisa Nichols-Russell).**

## Talk on Montpelier Mansion Artifacts

On Saturday, April 5 at 2 p.m., Paul Kreisa will provide a lecture at Montpelier Mansion on Snowden’s Surprise: How Archaeology and History Reveal Previously Unknown Details about Life at Montpelier Mansion.

In 2013 Montpelier Mansion was closed to the public for repairs to the drainage system and foundation and removal of two circa 1920s terraces and other projects. Because this work would impact areas around the foundation known to contain artifacts associated with the Snowden’s residency, the Prince George’s County Department of Parks and Recreation and Oak Grove Restoration undertook archaeological investigations that yielded thousands of artifacts. Some of them will be on display at the talk, along with two surprises.

There is a fee. Reservations are required. Montpelier Mansion is at 9650 Muirkirk Road (Muirkirk Road at Route 197) in Laurel. For more information and to make reservations call 301-377-7817, TTY 301-699-2544 or visit [www.pgparcs.com](http://www.pgparcs.com).

## Fishing Opportunities At Research Refuge

As of April 1, Cash Lake, located at the Patuxent Research Refuge South Tract, is open for fishing. In previous years, the fishing area, off Maryland Route 197, did not open until mid-June. In addition, fishing hours have been extended to sunset to coincide with new extended hours for the South Tract grounds. Fishing season runs from April 1 through October 12 from sunrise to sunset, except on federal holidays.

The Blue Heron Pond at the North Tract, 3.6 miles from Cash Lake, is now also open for fishing. Vehicle access is available for mobility-impaired anglers. It is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, with the exception of federal holidays. Visitors must check-in at the Visitor Contact Station.

All anglers must possess a current Maryland non-tidal fishing license and a free seasonal Refuge Fishing/Parking Pass issued by the Refuge. Anglers must bring their license to either the National Wildlife Visitor Center (between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily) or the Patuxent North Tract Visitor Contact Station (between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. daily).

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301-474-4322



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Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.  
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

**Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

**Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe**

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**April 6, 10 a.m.**

The 9th Annual Dance Service: We Are One  
The Paint Branch Chalice Dancers, Sharon Werth, Director  
The Erika Thimey Company, Classical Indian Dance, Hip Hop, and Salsa  
Rev. Diane Teichert, Ken Redd, Worship Associate,  
Dayna Edwards, Director of Religious Exploration  
We invite you to join us as we give expression through dance as a unifying spirit of many cultures. Dance has existed at all times, and among all people and ethnicities. When we dance we are one. Today is Signing Sunday – for those ready to make the commitments of membership, please meet the Minister and Trustee at the chalice after the service.

# ERHS Best of Coffee House Musical Showcase on Friday

by Patrick Gleason

Friday, April 4 at 7 p.m. is the date for the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) twice-yearly Best of Coffee House musical showcase by students in the school’s Piano, Guitar and Recording Technology program.

The program, which started 29 years ago as a small gathering in the school’s media center has evolved into a concert-like event in the auditorium with 20 performances – and a crowd that often overflows into the upper seating area.

Produced by Piano/Guitar and Rec Tech teacher Kevin Hawk,

the performances – including live sound and recording, lighting, stage managing and hosting – are entirely student-run. Musical acts ranging from guitar and piano solos to full band sets and covers of contemporary hits are selected through auditions. Recordings of the night’s performances by Raider Studios are also available for purchase.

There is a fee for admission. *Patrick Gleason is an education student at the University of Maryland and an English class intern at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.*



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7:00PM April 18th

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1 Hillside (at Crescent Road)  
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Sunday Worship  
10:15 a.m.  
Clara Young, Interim Pastor



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Berwyn Heights, MD 20740



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**Congratulations to:**

- Eleanor Roosevelt High School principal Reginald McNeill, who was selected as the School Administrator of the Year by the Maryland Music Educators Association for his support of the school’s award-winning band, orchestra and chorus programs.
- Andrew Phelan, recreation coordinator II, who has passed the Certified Parks and Recreational Professional exam and is now a certified parks and recreational professional.
- Dr. Luat D. Duckett, another of our great Greenbelt doctors listed in the March “Top Docs” issue of Washingtonian Magazine. Duckett, at 7239-B Hanover Parkway, is a general surgeon specializing in minimally-invasive surgeries and breast treatment.
- Debora Fajer-Smith, an attorney with Joseph Greenwald & Laake, specializing in worker’s compensation, who has again been named by Baltimore’s Daily Record as one of the Top 100 Women in Maryland. The first recognition was in 2007.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We’d especially like to hear more from neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Franklin Park). To send information for “Our Neighbors,” email us at [news-review@verizon.net](mailto:news-review@verizon.net) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

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#### Visual Artists, Poets, Writers

For the Green Man Show  
May 5<sup>th</sup> - June 30<sup>th</sup>  
New Deal Cafe



All ages are invited to submit their Artwork~Poetry~Stories  
This year’s theme is Pollinators in the Garden with special emphasis on **Butterflies**

For more information go to <http://greenbeltgreenmanfestival.org/participate.html>

or call 202-664-7572  
Sponsored by **CHEARS** with support from FONDCA

Botanic Garden Talk on April 11 Highlights Plant Marvels

On Friday, April 11 from noon to 1 p.m. the U.S. Botanic Garden will be the site of a book talk on “One-Ton Pumpkins, Arsenic-Eating Ferns, Fruit Cocktail Trees and Other Marvels,” by Ruth Kassinger.


Kassinger tells stories of amazing plants – and the science behind them – from her most recent book, “A Garden of Marvels: How We Discovered that Flowers Have Sex, Leaves Eat Air, and Other Secrets of Plants.” She will talk about what it takes to grow a one-ton pumpkin, how ferns helped remediate arsenic-laced soil near American University and how one woman bred the first truly black petunia. And there will be a story of the world’s only photosynthesizing animal – a green sea slug.

This free program will take place in the Conservatory Classroom. Pre-registration is required at [www.usbg.gov](http://www.usbg.gov).



Patuxent Refuge Extends Hours

Patuxent Research Refuge has extended hours at its South Tract at 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop in Laurel. It is now open from sunrise until sunset, with the exception of federal holidays. The change is in response to a public demand for longer visiting hours.



# City Information

### GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 7, 2014 - 8:00 p.m.  
Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Presentations**

- National Board Certified Teacher
- Anacostia Trails Heritage Area
- Earth Day Proclamation
- Arbor Day Proclamation
- Animal Control Presentation

**Public Hearing**

- Greenbelt Station South Core - Special Tax District

**Petitions and Requests** (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

**Minutes of Council Meetings**

**Administrative Reports**

**Committee Reports**

**LEGISLATION**

- A Resolution to Establish a Special Tax Incremental Financing District for Greenbelt Station South Core) - 2nd Reading, Adoption

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Arts Advisory Board, Report #2014-1 (Proposal from CHEARS and alight dance theater to Install Artistic Signage at Each of the Three Sisters Gardens on City Lands) and Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Report #2014-3 (Permanent Art Signage at Three Sisters Demonstration Garden Locations, a Joint Project of CHEARS and alight dance theater)
- Award of Purchase – Lawn Mowing and Landscaping Services
- Award of Purchase – Economic Development Strategy
- Council Reports
- \*- Reappointments to Advisory Groups
- \*- Resignations from Advisory Groups

**MEETINGS**

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail [cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov) to reach the City Clerk.

### MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF April 7-11

Monday, April 7 at 8pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)

Wednesday, April 9 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 114. On the Agenda: Review of the Board’s role in hearing Departures

Wednesday, April 9 at 8pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION WITH PLANNING** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.*

### VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee


**For information call 301-474-8000.**


### An Artful Afternoon, Sunday, April 6

#### Greenbelt Community Center

#### 15 Crescent Road

Make a woven paper basket with Artist-in-residence Karen Arrington from 1-3pm; bring newspaper if possible. Free – all ages. Visit with the Community Center’s nine Artists-in-residence at their studio open house and sale, 1-4pm. See the Greenbelt Museum’s 75th Anniversary exhibit and Intertidal Souls – Artwork by M. Jordan Tierney, both ongoing. You can also travel across the street to tour the Greenbelt Museum’s historic home, (\$3 or free with membership), 1-5pm





Greenbelt Animal Shelter, 550-A Crescent Road

### KITTY FRENZY!

Adoption fees on all of the Real Housecats of Greenbelt will be waived through the month of April. Put some excitement in your life and take one home today!

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Greenbelt Recreation Department and the Red Cross

### BLOOD DRIVE

**Friday, April 11 from 12:30-6:00pm**  
**Greenbelt Community Center, Room 201**  
**15 Crescent Road**

Make your lifesaving appointment by contacting Becky Sutfin at 240-542-2056.

### POTOMAC WATERSHED CLEANUP

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Come and join members of the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Green ACES); Cub Scout Pack 202, and Cadet Troupe 2799 to remove litter and other debris from two sites in Greenbelt.

**April 5th – 9:00 am to 12:00 noon:**  
SPRINGHILL LAKE STREAM (Green ACES): Meet at the SHL Recreation Center. At this site you can also help with the Three Sisters Garden Project. For details call Brian Gibbons at 301-614-0586 or email at [btpg2252@yahoo.com](mailto:btpg2252@yahoo.com)

**April 12th – 9:00 am to 12:00 noon:**  
BUDDY ATTICK PARK (Cub Scouts): Meet at the picnic tables at the park. For details email Cristal Jones at [jump-er692010@yahoo.com](mailto:jump-er692010@yahoo.com)

- \* Bring your work gloves. Wear Comfortable Clothing and Boots – or old shoes. \* Attention Students – Community Service Hours will be given. Bring your forms!!

This event is organized by the Alice Ferguson Foundation:  
[http://www.fergusonfoundation.org/trash\\_initiative/trash\\_cleanup.shtml](http://www.fergusonfoundation.org/trash_initiative/trash_cleanup.shtml)

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the proposed relocation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

That demonstration was followed by City Manager Michael McLaughlin's presentation of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2015 city budget. Around 9:15 p.m., council tackled the business part of the meeting.

An overview article of the manager's budget presentation appeared in last week's News Review. A more extensive report on the 2014 ACE Educator Awards will be covered in a later article.

Mayor Emmett Jordan orchestrated the promotion for the FBI relocation issue by engineering a smooth segue from the ACE Awards photo-op into another group photo with council and staff holding "We're All In" placards over their heads and chanting "WE'RE ALL IN."

These placards were part of an earlier rally by federal, county and state officials at the University of Maryland to generate support for the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) to select the Greenbelt Metro site for a proposed new consolidated headquarters for the FBI.

**TIF District Creation**

The first item of business was the introduction of a resolution for first reading that would create and define a contiguous area in Greenbelt West as a tax increment financing (TIF) development district to specify the properties from which TIF revenue can be derived to provide public funds for construction of a proposed Greenbelt Station Parkway. This would serve the new residential community at the Metro Station South Core, connecting it to the proposed development in the North Core and ultimately to a new eastbound ramp to I-495.

The TIF item had been the subject of a council worksession on March 3 and is one condition of the 2006 annexation agreement entered into between the city and the then-owners of the Greenbelt Station development. (See News Review article in the March 13 issue.)

Petitioning council to create the TIF district are the current owners of the real property described in the resolution (NVR MS Cavalier Greenbelt LLC, NVR, Inc. doing business as NVHomes and NVR, Inc. doing business as Ryan Homes). Collectively the owners and Atapco Properties, Inc. are the petitioners requesting council to create the TIF district.

The resolution expressly provides that the city does not by adoption of the resolution obligate itself to authorize or issue any tax increment financing bonds. It is only the first step if future public funding is to be made available.

Councilmember Judith Davis introduced the resolution for first reading. A public hearing on the resolution and approval of the TIF district is scheduled for the next regular council meeting on April 7.

**Other Business**

Two additional items of business were on the agenda. One was a staff-recommended award of purchase for lawn mowing and landscape services for vari-

ous areas of the city. Jim Sterling, assistant director of Public Works, provided the report and recommendation to council.

About 12 firms have been invited to submit proposals and the city has received six responses, ranging from \$44,820 to \$438,716. Those respondents also provided alternate bids for the same types of services for parts of Mandan Road and Hanover Parkway. The e-bids ranged from \$8,433 to \$180,507.

Public Works reviewed the three lowest proposals for both the specified services and the alternative services from Brickman (\$53,262), Blue Lake Landscaping (\$73,320) and TruGreen Landscaping (\$77,184). Staff determined that the three companies would be capable and dependable contractors for the services required.

Brickman and TruGreen have performed such services for the city in the past and Brickman currently provides similar services for other property owners in the same general areas covered by the city's requests.

Based on their review, staff recommended that council award the contract for both specified and alternative services to the Brickman firm for a total cost of \$53,162.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts said that he had objections to the staff recommendation and suggested the city initiate a program where temporary use of Greenbelt youth might be utilized for the proposed services under supervision of the Public Works staff.

Councilmember Edward Putens joined in with his concern about Brickman's and other contractors' work on Greenbelt East homeowner developments. He was particularly concerned about the mulching practices of the outside firms. No motion was made to approve the staff recommendation. Instead, council opted to table the topic until the next meeting.

**Outdoor Movies**

The other item was a Recreation Department proposal to provide outdoor film presentations at Roosevelt Center during the time the Old Greenbelt Theatre would be closed to the public for its expected renovation. Greg Varda, acting assistant recreation director, presented the proposal to council.

Varda indicated that the proposed location for the film presentations would be in the sloping grassy area behind the Mother and Child statue. The film selection would be family-oriented and shown just after dusk, with viewers supplying their own lawn chairs or blankets.

Depending on the actual time period that the theater would be closed for renovations, the movies would be shown every other weekend from May through October, with approximately 12 showings.

The department estimates the cost to be about \$2,400 for the films, plus staff cost for set-up and breakdown. Council was favorable and approved moving ahead with the proposal.

There was a suggestion that the actual venue be flexible, depending on potential conflicts with other Roosevelt Center/city events.

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Aquatic and Fitness Center fees.

But fines and forfeitures are down slightly, the likely cause being decreasing fines for the city's red light and school zone cameras, as motorists begin to change their behavior. Miscellaneous Revenue is flat.

**Expenditures**

Demonstrating that the city is trying to hold the line on expenditures is reflected in only a \$343,000 difference between the FY14 budget amount of \$24,851,200 and the proposed \$25,195,000 for FY15. Similarly, total expenditures for the proposed fiscal year are \$9,800 less than the expected actual FY14 expenditures.

Most proposed FY15 expenditures accounts are either flat or slightly less than projected expenditures for FY14. Only one expenditure account, Public Works, will be increased for FY15. Proposed expenditures for Public Works in FY15 is \$146,700 more than in the \$2,964,800 adopted budget for FY2014.

General Government is about \$14,000 over the projected FY14 amount; Planning & Community Development is \$41,700 over their projected FY14 amount; but Public Safety, the largest expenditure account, is about \$600,000 less than the expected \$10,691,400 for FY14. Other items include Greenbelt CARES, with \$924,000 proposed for FY15, about \$24,000 more than for FY14; Recreation and Parks, the second largest expenditure account, at about \$7,000 less than expected FY14 actual expenditures; Miscellaneous expenditures at about \$5,000 less than the FY14 expected expenditures. Non-departmental expenditures are proposed at \$1,068,500 for FY15, about \$30,000 less than what had been budgeted for FY14.

Overall, city expenditures for FY14 were about \$353,600 more than had been budgeted. McLaughlin advised council nearly \$200,000 had been due to a delay in vehicles purchases for Police Department in FY14 as compared to FY13. Other unbudgeted expenditures were \$25,000 for the Economic Development Study and \$135,000 for FY14 snow removal and overtime.

**General Government**

There are nine separate accounts within the General Government portion of the budget. Total expenditures proposed for those functions for FY15 are \$2,721,400 or \$56,700 more than had been budgeted for FY14. The proposed city council budget is slightly higher than for last year at \$133,700. The Administration budget account is also slightly higher than for last year at \$674,100, including funds for a consultant to advise on a strategy for improving economic development within the city.

Since no elections are scheduled for FY15, the Elections account is about \$10,000 less than was expended in FY14 (\$28,600).

The largest account within General Government is Finance & Administrative Services. This account is proposed to expend \$855,000 in FY15, or about \$20,000 more than in FY14. About 90 percent of this account is for salaries and employee benefits.

The proposed budget for Information Technology, at \$490,200 in FY15, is also just slightly higher than had been budgeted in FY14. Funds for Legal Counsel

are close to what had been budgeted for FY14 and will be at \$92,000 for FY15.

On this issue, McLaughlin announced that the city's long time counsel, Robert Manzi, will retire this year but that his associate, John Shay, will assume the position. Manzi's services will also continue to be available on request.

The Municipal Building Account is proposed for nearly the same amount as for FY14, at \$69,700. A question was raised about an increased expenditure during FY14, which McLaughlin noted had been caused when a generator was replaced this year.

The Public Information and Community Promotion account for FY15 is also slightly more than for FY14, a proposed \$355,500. One objective of this account is to transition the city's meeting agendas to electronic formats, a subject of particular interest to the mayor and council since the project could lead to their use of electronic information and associated hardware at council meetings.

The last account within General Government is the Public Officers Associations and accounts for councilmembers' participation in regional and national municipal associations. The proposed budget for this account is \$51,100, just slightly above the FY14 amount.

**Organizational Issues**

As possibly a harbinger of upcoming budget worksessions, council interest in the Organizational Assessment Study (OAS) of the city government may color or influence its review of the FY15 proposed budget, especially concerning departmental budgets.

In the initial review of the General Government budget at this first budget worksession, the impact of the Organizational Assessment recommendations was felt, perhaps overshadowing the usual review council undertakes. Since the General Government Budget section covers Adminis-

tration, Finance and Information Technology it was not surprising that issues related to the OAS came to the fore.

The proposed General Government Budget contemplates the transfer of the Information Technology function from the Finance Department to Administration. This proposed change generated much discussion at the meeting. Council was interested in the impact from this proposal and, in general, the fulfillment of the OAS recommendations.

As Williams expressed concern regarding the IT transition from Finance to Administration. He felt the city payroll requires IT support and that from a payday-to-payday standpoint the department is called upon to address errors and mistakes associated with city employee time sheets. McLaughlin said he is just as interested in bringing on board a management analyst.


IT Director Dale Worley, responding to council questions regarding IT needs in the department, indicated that the results have been mixed. Some departments have developed, or have within their staffs, individuals able to "champion" computer and software applications (Recreation and Police Departments being examples), while other departments (Public Works and Planning & Community Development) are not as proficient. He felt IT capability should reside in the departments since they must use it every day.

Councilmember Edward Putens did most of the probing related to potential impacts of OAS recommendations. Other councilmembers focused on training needs and the city's need to focus recruitment efforts for new employees on IT literacy. Councilmember Judith Davis opined that younger employees are likely to be more computer literate. She suggested that city job descriptions be updated to include IT capabilities.

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### Cellist Gives Free Concert at Maryland

The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland will host a faculty artist recital by cellist Evelyn Elsing on Saturday, April 5 at 5 p.m. in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall.

The concert features the 1948 cello sonata of Elliott Carter, a landmark composition for its time that remains a major cornerstone in today’s repertoire. Beethoven’s “D Major Sonata,” the “Grand Tango” by Piazzolla and Chopin’s “Polonaise brillante, Op. 3” round out a program in which Elsing is joined by university alumna, pianist Colette Valentine.

### Arboretum Program Features Ginkgos

The U.S. National Arboretum will host a free presentation and book signing of “Ginkgo: The Tree That Time Forgot” by Sir Peter Crane on Tuesday, April 8 from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m.

A botanist and author, Crane shares the story of the Ginkgo tree from its mysterious origin through its proliferation, drastic decline and ultimate resurgence after being saved from extinction. Crane’s books will be available for signing. Registration is required by calling 201-245-2708. Attendees must enter Arboretum at R Street gate.

## Dance, Live Music, Tasty Eats, Silent Auction and Live DJ!

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**“Sneak Peek” Season Preview and Dance Party** with Live Music by Bedlam

Friday, April 11, 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday, April 12, 8:00 p.m.

at Greenbelt Arts Center  
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Tickets: \$14-\$17

For tickets and directions, visit [www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org)



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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department,  
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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

This activity report is provided as a public service to the community. It is intended to give an overview of the criminal activity within Greenbelt and is not a complete listing of all events and crime reported to the Greenbelt Police Department. The Weekly Activity Report is also available online at: [www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police)

The Greenbelt Police Department and Crime Solvers are offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for any of the unsolved crimes reported in this report. Call 1-866-411-TIPS to report any information you may have. You can remain anonymous.

Additionally, you can anonymously report suspected drug activity in your neighborhood by calling our Drug Tip Line: 240-542-2145.

### Vandalism

March 20, 11 p.m., 99 Centerway. Vandalism. Unknown person(s) vandalized a tennis court with spray paint.

### Theft

March 20, 12:57 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended purse was taken from a table at the McDonalds restaurant.

### Arrest

March 20, 8:17 a.m., Area of Greenbelt Road and Cherrywood lane. Possession of marijuana arrest. Ariel Naveah Perry, 27, of Washington, D.C. was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana as a result of a traffic

stop for a motor vehicle violation. The suspect was released on citation pending trial.

March 21, 2:41 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. Leon Lynn Wilson, 45, of Washington, D.C. was arrested and charged with theft and trespass after he was stopped as a possible shoplifter at the Giant Food store. The suspect was found to have been banned from the store by agents of the property. The suspect was released on citation pending trial.

### Burglary

March 21, 7:11 a.m., 131 Centerway. Burglary. Unknown person(s) broke out the glass door at the Beijing Restaurant and removed the cash register.

March 22, 2:15 a.m., 131 Centerway. Burglary. Unknown person(s) broke out the glass door at the Beijing Restaurant and removed the cash register.

March 24, 6000 block Springhill Drive. Unknown person(s) entered the residence by breaking out a bedroom window. Two televisions and an iPad were taken.

March 25, 6100 Greenbelt Road. An unattended purse was taken at the Target Department store.

March 20, 3:23 p.m., 7601 Hanover Parkway. Dangerous weapon on school property arrest. A 16-year-old Upper Marlboro youth was arrested for having a dangerous weapon on school property after he was found to be in possession of a knife at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

The youth was released pending

action by the School Board and the Juvenile Justice System.

March 22, 2 p.m., 7200 Hanover Drive. Unknown person(s) removed money from a hotel room at the Holiday Inn.

### DWI/DUI Arrest

March 23, 3:49 a.m., 7300 block Hanover Drive. Joshua Robert McCullough, 18, of Columbia, S.C. was arrested and charged with Driving While Impaired by Alcohol and other traffic related charges as a result of a traffic violation. The suspect was released on citations pending trial.

March 24, 3:09 p.m., 7601 Hanover Parkway.

### Forgery Arrests

A 17-year-old nonresident and a 16-year-old nonresident youth were arrested for Forgery of Tickets or Coupons, Theft and Disruption of School Activities after they allegedly made counterfeit entry passes for a school function at Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School. The youths were released pending action by the School Board and the Juvenile Justice System.

### Automotive Crime

March 22, 9100 block Edmonston Court. Vandalism to auto. Unknown person(s) used unknown means to break out the driver's side window.

March 24, 7600 block Ora Glen Drive. Unknown person(s) broke out the passenger side window and removed a purse and an iPad.

March 26, 7600 block Greenbelt Road. A purse was taken from a vehicle.

# Arts Advisory Board Meets To Review Status of Groups

by Sam Stern

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board met on March 4 to review three community-based organizations' applications to become Recognition Groups within the city.

"Groups seek this status [of Recognition Groups] to get free meeting space at the Greenbelt Community Center, which gives them a home base," explained Nicole DeWald, the staff liaison to the board.

Representatives of the Greenbelt Writers Group, Greenbelt Pottery Group and Transitions Theater appeared before the board at separate times throughout the meeting. Each speaker answered questions about the current state of their organization, as well as their plans for the future.

Each group, while focusing on a different discipline of the arts, seeks to involve Greenbelt residents in an engaging learning process.

Both the Greenbelt Writers and Pottery Groups hold instructional seminars while Transitions Theater is focusing on a play about mental illness.

The Greenbelt Pottery Group and Transitions Theater received a decidedly more positive reception than the Greenbelt Writers group during the board's deliberations. Members of the board submitted ratings sheets to DeWald to be compiled and analyzed at a later date.

Board member Mark Gransfors-Hunt mentioned the potential issue of fitting these groups into city space. "Realistically can we actually find space for these groups?" asked Gransfors. No decision about the applications will be made until a later date.

Sam Stern is a University of Maryland journalism student currently writing for the News Review.



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Again, I would like to thank you for your very important past, as well as your continued support during our Annual General Fund Drive.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian T. Rudy".

Brian T. Rudy  
President  
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# Alight Dance Theater Offers Sneak Peek Season Preview

Alight Dance Theater is offering a look behind the curtain at some of its newest works on Friday, April 11 and Saturday, April 12 with a “Sneak Peek” Season Preview and Dance Party. The evenings will feature restaged versions of two projects, “Dependent” and excerpts from “Stargazing,” along with showings of works-in-progress, “Frontline” and “Dance in the Garden.” The performances will take place at 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

Members of the community are invited to participate in the creative process by providing feedback and asking questions about the projects in development. “Frontline,” choreographed by Alight’s artistic director and Greenbelt resident Angella Foster, tells the story of the War of 1812 from the perspective of women who lived through it.

“Frontline” will premiere at Bowie Arts Center in October. “Dance in the Garden” is a three-part, site-specific work that will take place at demonstration gardens located in Greenbelt. The piece, created in partnership with the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society, will be performed on April 26 outside the Springhill Lake Recreation Center; June 1 outside the Greenbelt Community Center; and October 18 in Schrom Hills Park.

The performance of other pieces from Alight’s repertoire will give audiences an up-close-and-personal look at these works. “Dependent,” which premiered in March, is choreographer Wayles Haynes’ investigation of public perceptions and personal experiences of military families in this contemporary era of war. Foster’s “Stargazing” tells the story of a stary night from the spectacular death of a star to the splendor visible from our own backyards.

Both evenings will include a performance by Bedlam, a musical group based in Bowie. The ensemble of seven musicians arranges and performs contemporary versions of period music from early America. For this program, they will present selections that will eventually be used in the Alight production of “Frontline.” Saturday’s performance will also include a dance party with a live DJ, hors d’oeuvres, cocktails and silent auction.

Founded in Greenbelt in 2010, Alight Dance Theater is a community-based, nonprofit professional company that uses the power of dance to tell stories that move and inspire. Since its inception, Alight has performed at the John F. Kennedy Center Millennium Stage through a local dance commissioning project, Arena Stage, Dance Place, Atlas Theater’s Intersections Arts Festival, the Source Festival and Velocity DC, along with other venues.

Tickets may be purchased by visiting [www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org) or calling 301-441-8770. For more information about Alight Dance Theater, visit [www.alight-dancetheater.org](http://www.alight-dancetheater.org). (See ad on page 7.)



Stargazing



Dependent

# Two ESOL Teachers Receive Conference Scholarships

by Demetrice Bettis

Shari Cornell of Magnolia Elementary School and Teodora Rosales of James H. Harrison were recipients of Prince George’s County Public Schools scholarships. This was an opportunity to take part in the Teaching and Learning Conference March 14 and 15 at the Washington D.C. Conference Center for teachers from across the United States and 14 countries.

Cornell said, “It was great to

hear someone as powerful as Bill Gates speak to teachers and tell us how important we are.” “The workshops were also very informative. I feel I have more tools on how to meet the needs of my students with the Common Core curriculum.”

For further information visit: <http://www.teachinglearning2014.org>.

Demetrice Bettis is a student at Magnolia Elementary School.



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From left: Teodora Rosales, ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Teacher at James H. Harrison Elementary School, and Shari Cornell, ESOL Teacher at Magnolia Elementary School.

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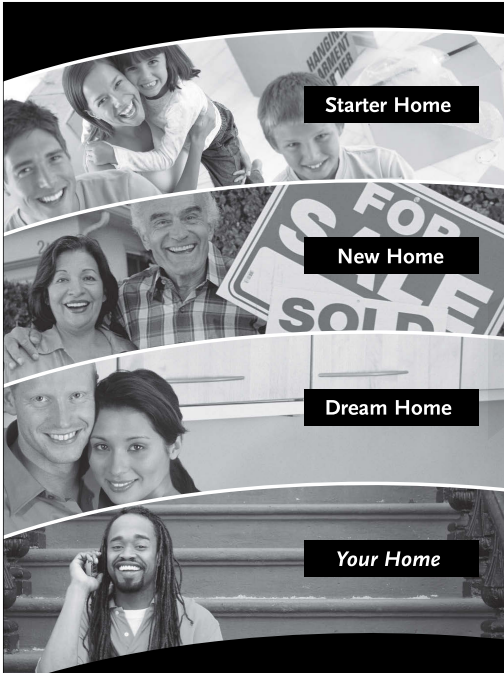
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Six acres of woods start to become neatly piled logs as Doctors Hospital builds a new rehabilitation center adjacent to the Magnolia Elementary School playground.

it slowly chewed its way along the hospital side of the chain link fence which separates the hospital property from the school property. The school did not receive any notification as to the work being done before the clearing started. The next day, I noticed that several of the 3rd grade students drew sad faces on their people (was it my sad face influencing their art?) in their watercolor landscape paintings of early spring.

The next day at recess the students outside were pointing out to each other and the several teachers on duty, including myself, the work and the falling trees along with the cracking sounds and thuds as they fell. The children were wondering what was happening to the woods. Several kids were pointing, then stopping to stare a few minutes and then soon were running around and chasing each other as usual. Some were using the playground equipment, taking it in stride. Several seemed a bit more agitated than usual with all the noise associated with this work. They were unaccustomed to hearing these new noises outside their school during recess and outdoor physical education.

The wooded area behind the hospital had been left relatively undisturbed and many of the trees appear to be 40 years or older. A 4th grader who lives in the townhouses of Greenbelt east ran up to me during recess when I stepped outside to take some photos the following day and said, “Mr. Snyder, why are they cutting down all those trees? They shouldn’t do that. That’s not right, and they are knocking down all those green pine trees too!” I put my arm around her shoulder and we stared at the activity for a moment. I said to her, “You are so right, it’s a shame to lose all those beautiful trees.

Maybe they are building a road or something in back of the hospital.” She didn’t seem convinced. Children sense when things are not quite right.

After work stoppage for a few days due to very rainy weather, the work continued at week’s end (March 27); however, this time an even larger yellow piece of equipment with a huge claw on its arm appeared and began grasping and then sawing down trees (some as large as 2 feet in diameter) in a matter of seconds. These were being knocked down, de-limbed, dragged and stacked as the other two pieces of equipment continued scraping the land and digging up roots and such. There were no longer any birds or squirrels darting about as there had been in these woods. There was an eerie stillness ahead of the claw-machine. It soon became obvious this was no road. They were going to take down all the trees!

Several of us teachers having cafeteria duty during the last lunch shift gathered together at one end of the cafeteria and were talking about the cutting and clearing going on outside. Someone reminded us that the mayor had just visited us a week earlier. What would he have thought seeing all these trees coming down behind the school had he been here this week instead? “Maybe the students and teachers can organize a protest,” a teacher said. “It’s probably too late,” another replied. We all agreed. “Have a nice weekend!” a teacher said. “You too,” we said.

Some of us will feel apprehensive upon returning after spring break and seeing the inevitable behind our school. After decades, progress had finally arrived to engulf the woods near Magnolia.

*Bob Snyder, a Greenbelt resident, is an art teacher at Magnolia Elementary School.*

**Jazz Sounds Twice At Smith Center**

The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, Gildenhorn Recital Hall, will be the site of a two-part, free concert by the UMD Chamber Jazz on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m. Swing with the University of Maryland jazz combos as they play favorite jazz standards, as well as new tunes arranged by university jazz students.

**Messersmith Talk Is On Birding in Cuba**

On Tuesday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. there will be a Prince George’s Audubon Society and Patuxent Bird Club talk by Donald Messersmith on birding in Cuba. In a 12-day bird survey trip he observed over 150 species.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and refreshments will be served. This free event is at the College Park Airport Annex, 1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Drive, College Park. Call 301-262-5148 for details.

Mayor Jordan of Greenbelt Visits Magnolia Elementary School

by Demetrice Bettis and Leonor Fernandez

On March 14, fourth grade students of Magnolia Elementary School had an informative conversation with Mayor Emmett Jordan. The activity was initiated to provide students first-hand information about mayoral responsibilities that students would use in writing their essay “If I were Mayor I would . . . .” The students welcomed the mayor with great smiles and words of hospitality.

Jordan began his speech by telling students how someone is elected to the position. He proceeded by asking the students what they thought were some of the mayor’s duties and responsibilities. Some of the responses were: the mayor attends a lot of meetings, takes care of the environment, provides safety and security and builds parks and recreational centers.

The mayor emphasized to students that all their responses were absolutely right. Jordan told the students that one of the most important functions of being a mayor is to bring people together and find out what they need. The next step would be to review city projects to determine if the community’s needs are being met. According to the mayor, public safety gets the biggest allocation of the city budget.

Selena Zheng asked, “Is it hard to be a mayor?” Jordan responded, “Well, it is pretty hard to get people to trust you, but once you make them feel that you have the commitment to serve and help them achieve what they need, they give you their 100 percent trust.”

Mayor Jordan was asked if he dreamed of becoming a mayor when he was a young child. He responded that even at a young age he already had genuine interest in public service and had manifested leadership inclinations.

Jordan concluded his discussion by encouraging students to have a well-rounded education, take one step at a time and find out what they aspire to be in the future.

*Demetrice Bettis and Leonor Fernandez are students writing on assignment.*



Mayor Emmett Jordan poses with students and teachers from Magnolia Elementary School. Front row, from left, Dustin Navarrosa, Keon Groves, Carter Barrett and Caleb Penley; second row, from left, Phyllis Gillens (principal), Leonor Fernandez, Mayor Emmett Jordan, Krystal Tran, Niyah Curtis, DaNya Ford and Amy Nguyen; back row, from left, Edward Beenick, Andrae Boyd, Bob Snyder and Alison Allen.

Healthy Eating Lecture, Screenings at Doctors

On Thursday, April 10 Doctors Community Hospital will provide a free Healthy Eating Lecture from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., in the Ground Floor Conference Room of the Professional Office Building at 8116 Good Luck Road.

The guest speaker is Tanya Johnson, a certified diabetes educator and registered dietitian. Many diseases can be prevented with a well-balanced diet – a diet rich in fruits and vegetables can lower the risk of heart disease, stroke, diabetes, certain cancers and many other health conditions. There will also be food models and portion control demonstrations. Those attending can receive free average blood glucose (A1C) or blood sugar screenings that provide average levels.

Pre-registration is available by calling 240-965-4416. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Del-Mar-Va Glass Show April 26, 27

The annual Del-Mar-Va Depression Glass Club’s 78th annual glass show returns to the area on Saturday, April 26 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at DuVal High School in Lanham. Dealers at the show specialize in Early American, Pattern, Elegant, Art Deco and Depression-era glassware, kitchenware, china, pottery and linen collectibles.

The show features a special display of “Shades of Blue,” including a Cambridge Statuesque line seashell comport in the rare Windsor Blue color brought out in 1937. The display will be variable, including a variety of shapes and function in “blue” glass.

The club will offer glass identification service without charge by knowledgeable members.

There is an admission fee. For information call 301-565-2361 or 410-263-4192 or email ybrian@verizon.net.

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